

MISSION STATEMENT

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education will promote quality and efficiency in the State system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Layton McCurdy- Chairman

Dr. Douglas Forbes - Statewide Appointee

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Mr. Neal Workman - Technical Coll. Rep.

Dr. Mick Zais - Independent College President

14 members are appointed to the Commission including: for 4-year terms— 1 at-large appointee serving as Chair; 3 at-large, statewide appointees; and 1 appointee from each of the six Congressional districts, and for 2-year terms—1 representative each from the Board of Trustees of a research institution, a comprehensive college, and a technical college and 1 president of an independent college. Members are appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate, except for Congressional District Representatives who are recommended by their legislative delegations.



PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Research Institutions

1. Clemson University
2. University of South Carolina—Columbia
3. Medical University of South Carolina

Four-Year Comprehensive Institutions

4. The Citadel
5. College of Charleston
6. Coastal Carolina University
7. Francis Marion University
8. Lander University
9. South Carolina State University
10. University of South Carolina—Aiken
11. University of South Carolina—Beaufort
12. University of South Carolina—Upstate
13. Winthrop University

Two-Year Regional Campuses of USC

14. University of South Carolina—Lancaster
15. University of South Carolina—Salkehatchie
16. University of South Carolina—Sumter
17. University of South Carolina—Union

Technical Colleges

18. Aiken Technical College
19. Central Carolina Technical College
20. Denmark Technical College
21. Florence-Darlington Technical College
22. Greenville Technical College
23. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
24. Midlands Technical College
25. Northeastern Technical College
26. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
27. Piedmont Technical College
28. Spartanburg Technical College
29. Technical College of The Lowcountry
30. Tri-County Technical College
31. Trident Technical College
32. Williamsburg Technical College
33. York Technical College



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quality and efficiency
in higher education
through advocacy and
accountability . . .*

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A FEW FACTS ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Access

South Carolina is home to 60 public and independent institutions including:

- 13 four-year and 20 two-year public institutions
- 22 four-year and 3 two-year independent institutions and 2 independent professional schools (law and chiropractic)

In addition, 16 other degree-granting institutions are licensed by CHE to operate in the state.

Enrollment

212,701 students were enrolled in SC's public and independent, two- and four- year institutions in Fall 2005. Enrollment has increased by 15% over the past 5 years.

Of the 212,701 students in Fall 2005:

- 174,686 or 82% are in public institutions with 95,803 in public four-year and 78,883 in two-year public institutions
- 174,075 or 82% are South Carolinians
- 186,848 or 88% are seeking undergraduate degrees
- 144,574 or 68% are full-time
- 62,874 or 30% are minority
- 129,799 or 61% are female

Degrees Awarded

40,213 degrees were awarded in Fiscal Year 2004-05 including:

- 5,409 Certificates and 1,504 Diplomas
- 7,257 Associate's Degrees
- 19,267 Baccalaureate Degrees
- 5,143 Master's Degrees
- 125 Post-Baccalaureate and 5 Post-Master's Certificates
- 148 Specialist and 475 Doctoral Degrees
- 880 First Professional Degrees (Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Law)

Higher Education Appropriations

\$1 billion for SC's higher education programs or 17% of the \$5.9 billion in fiscal year 2005-06 state general fund and lottery fund appropriations. Of the higher education funds:

- \$632 million for operating expenses at public institutions and \$5 million for "below-the-line" or special appropriations
- \$255 million for merit- and need- based aid for undergraduates at public and independent institutions
- \$114 million for other higher education programs and initiatives

The SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

serves as the state's coordinating board for public higher education and strives to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. We act both as an advocate for higher education and as an oversight entity for the state. We carry out our mission through statewide planning and working with institutions and other constituencies to promote quality, access and efficiency in the state's higher education system while balancing advocacy, stewardship and accountability. Major functions include:

Advocacy and Coordination

- Working with educators and other stakeholders to develop and implement strategies to meet state needs and to increase higher education's quality, efficiency and productivity.
- Analyzing and articulating policy issues on topics including workforce needs, pre-kindergarten to grade 12 student preparation, academic program needs and issues, research needs and opportunities, affordability, and higher education needs within various geographic regions and statewide.
- Working with the Governor and General Assembly to develop an agenda for higher education that addresses the priorities and vision for the state.
- Recommending to the Governor and General Assembly higher education budget allocations that address state priorities, reflect the state's fiscal capacities, address the needs and utilize the resources of existing institutions and programs, and enhance the cost-effectiveness of higher education.

Information

- Collecting and providing public access to comprehensive, relevant data on higher education to help the state develop its vision and agenda for higher education.

Accountability

- Ensuring accountability of public higher education through approval of institutional mission statements, review of admission standards, academic program review, approval of new academic program offerings, performance funding, institutional effectiveness, facilities management and data verification.
- Examining and licensing non-public providers of higher education programs for operation in South Carolina.

Administration

- Overseeing over \$200 million in state-funded student aid programs including: Palmetto Fellows; LIFE; HOPE; Lottery Tuition Assistance; Need-based Grants; National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program; Access and Equity Programs including Graduate Incentive Scholarships, Undergraduate Scholars Program, and SREB Doctoral Scholars Program; and Teacher Development Grants.
- Administering other state and federal higher education programs impacting higher education in areas such as early college awareness, student access and participation, program quality, and research.